

# **A Report on Placer County Children & Families Commission Request for Results Workshops November 8th & 9th**



On November 8th & 9th approximately 100 people participated in Applicant Workshops held for those interested in partnering with the Children & Families Commission. This brief report lists the topics that were brought up by the potential applicants. Tad Kitada of the Placer County Office of Education Prevention Services facilitated the workshops.

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# The Market Place



The Market Place was where the ideas were placed.



Over 35 Topics were discussed (Auburn & Tahoe).



Some Topics were grouped together.



The times and places of each meeting were posted so that everyone could choose the meeting that they wanted to attend.



# Topics brought up for discussion in Auburn:

1. Establish a parent child education center in Colfax. (already have physical facility)
2. “Sharing the dream” putting dads in the picture.
3. To eliminate kids exposure to second hand smoke and it’s multiple health risks—especially in the home and automobile.
4. 0-5 development on a high school campus.
5. Telehealth – Telemedicine Services.
6. Improving the diet of at risk children & families.
7. Enhance and expand services to Spanish speaking families and community.
  - Outreach and education
  - Childbirth education and support classes
  - Right brain activities (music, art, etc.)
8. Educate parents of young children in safer, healthier, more economical diets.
9. S.T.A.R. 0-5 daycare enriched experiences. Parent participation? Parent education?
10. Developing child abuse prevention policies in religious congregations.
11. All students in Western Placer area are prepared to enter Kindergarten.
12. Crisis Nursery respite childcare.
13. Develop/expand specialized MH & developmental services for special needs and behavioral problems. 0-5
14. Community family/child development play groups.
15. Drug & Alcohol services for:
  - Pregnant women
  - Drug affected 0-5 yr. Children
  - Families with children
16. Center or a system of care for helping children and families who are victims of crimes outside of their own families.
17. Funding for children with uninsured families, who are flown by emergency air ambulance (CALSTAR), with respiratory problems. And or funding for pediatric ventilator(s) for emergency helicopter (CALSTAR) covering Placer County.
18. Make all services available to the Hispanic community.
19. “Protecting childhood” the education and empowerment of parents.
20. 24-hour childcare center in Auburn. (With music, dance, French, Spanish, low child/teacher ratio and 3 meals).
21. Community building engage volunteers and business community “Bridge Private & Public Sector. Link faith community.
22. Using nature experiences to heal, protect, strengthen children also educate young and expecting parents.
23. PHN to make home visit after delivery and to continue to be support to families 0-5yrs.
24. Provide support, counseling, respite and other services to children/families who lose a parent or child through death.
25. Increase access to medical and dental care to children and families.

26. Reduce exposure of kids to conflict associated with family breakup:
  - Childcare for parents accessing the legal system
  - Active management of high conflict divorce/custody cases to reduce conflict
  - Intensive mediation for high conflict parents
  - Co-parenting classes to give parents “tools” to interact
  - Help parents overcome emotional problems regarding breakup to enable better parenting.
27. All childcare providers training compensation retention.
28. Comprehensive family support services open to ALL families. Family resource centers.
29. Provide parent education and support through workshops and interactive classes and therapy.
30. Provide support to breast feeding families and the communities.
  - Outreach & education
  - Individual support
  - Materials
31. Enhance & expand services to pregnant and parenting teens:
  - Classes & support groups
  - Enhance case management
  - Transition home

## Topics brought up for discussion in Tahoe:

1. How do we within the Children’s Collaborative support/ integrate/ prioritize the various needs of:
  - Kings Beach Family Resource Center
  - Kid Zone
  - Individual agencies
2. Implement outreach programs to families that help alleviate the causes of hunger and addresses hot issues.
3. Need to build a playground for the STEPP Center.
4. Outcome:
  - The Nevada County and Placer County Commissions are collaborating to promote and support joint county Prop 10 efforts in the Truckee/Tahoe region.
5. We want to support strong family interactions through the children’s museum activities and programming and create free art for the whole community.
6. The county boundary/programs are hurting our children and families in the Truckee/Tahoe Region. Both counties have different opportunities for people but there are inequities based on residence.

# Some Questions that came up at the Workshops

The Strategic Plan and Request for Results seemed so non-bureaucratic, but the application looks like a transformation to bureaucratic state.

*It is not our intent to be bureaucratic in the sense of creating another rigid system. The whole process is connected to the CFC Vision and strategic plan. In the Children and Families Act there is very specific language about results based accountability that we must adhere to and measure our progress by. The Request for Results is not looking for a magic bullet. We want your ideas and we will work with you in defining the results you want.*

What does “Family” mean?

*It means biological family, extended family, brothers & sisters. Whoever is the family to that child. Any application for funds must connect to and have an effect on a child 0-5.*

Do you have to be a certain size agency to apply for funds?

*No. Anyone who is interested and who has a result to achieve in the lives of children 0-5 and their family can apply.*

What is the aim of the project? Single funding or start up funding?

*Funding can be used for planning, start-up, expansion, and/or on-going programs. Another question might be: “What type of funding will you need to accomplish the results you want to see?” The basic principle is to let the results we are seeking guide the budgeting process.*

What about funding for a teen pregnancy prevention program?

*A teen pregnancy prevention program does not seem to fit into the parameters of the law as stated. However, education on brain development and child development in general to a population of teens would be within the parameters. We should keep a focus on the real impacts we are having on a child 0-5. There are remote connections that can be made also such as funding programs that provide “grandparent types” to rock and read to children.*

Can you apply more than once?

*We would have to see what it is for. Why would that be necessary?*

Who will be evaluating these programs? State, Federal, CFC?

*You are responsible for being a full partner in the evaluation. We are accountable to our community first, then the state CFC.*

The Legal Services of Northern California might be able to serve several agencies – how would I find out what other people are doing?

*All of the ideas from the Applicant Workshops will be mailed to everyone who signed up today as well as our larger mailing list. Also, you can call Don Ferretti 530.889.6751 to find out what people are applying for or check our web site.*



A question about the section on the qualities of Eligible Entities. We are located in Nevada County, but serve Placer County children. How would we apply for funding?

*The physical location of the facility doesn't have to be in our county. We will be providing funding for the population served (i.e. Placer County residents). Also, there is talk about getting the two commissions together and trying to resolve some of the boundary issues that get in the way of equitable services. For example: Maybe we could develop a joint powers agreement similar to the one that allows the Truckee Tahoe Unified School District to be served by the Placer County Office of Education.*

Can we apply directly for funding or do we need to stay within our collaborative?

*That is for you to decide. Why would you need to go outside of your collaborative? Would doing that fragment services, or would it make sense for the results you want to achieve? If we have learned anything it is that no one single agency can do this work alone.*

How do you feel about funding for staffing?

*We care about results and helping children 0-5. You may request funds for staffing or any other activity that is essential to achieving the results. The funding cannot be used to supplant current funding. If you have a result that you want, let us hear about it. The CFC may know about other funding options in addition to, or in lieu of, Prop. 10.*

Should we clarify the duration of the funding that we are applying for?

*Yes, on the application cover sheet there is a place for that information. We need to know this so that we can set aside adequate funding.*

Can the same person/agency apply for more than one project?

*You have to make that decision. One collaborative application is more in the spirit of this process than two stand alone applications. Think about the results you are going after and see if there are commonalties with other applicants. Maybe the results you are trying to achieve can be the umbrella that links other applications together.*

How would you measure results for funding a Playground to be built?

*Use research that shows evidence to support behavior and developmental achievements through use of play equipment. What are the indicators you will be looking for? You can use a measure of how we are doing now on the indicators to form a baseline. The CFC through David Gray and Don Ferretti will help you articulate these things.*

How does it work for a government agency to partner with a CBO (Community Based Organization)? Can county staff apply? Or do we apply as a citizen?

*You can apply as a citizen but you will need a fiscal sponsor if it is other than a one-time single item request. These funds are subject to an annual independent audit. CBO's and County agencies are encouraged to partner on applications.*

**The small groups brainstormed and networked.  
Some groups formed committees  
to meet at later dates to compile their application to the  
Children & Families Commission**

